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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 3 GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS

1. FRONT PAGE NEWS COVERAGE GIVEN TO GOC UN REP.  
ROSSIDES' REPLY TO UNSYG WALDHEIM'S REQUEST FOR PROGRESS  
REPORT ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. GOC REPLY NOTES TURKISH OB-  
STRUCTIONISM AND PERFIDY IN LOCAL TALKS. DESCRIBES AS  
EXAMPLE OF BAD FAITH RECENT TURKISH RENIGGING ON PLAN  
FOR REOPENING NICOSIA AIRPORT WHICH HAD BEEN WORKED OUT  
BY UN AND US OFFICIALS. (COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC  
REFERENCE TO ANY US ROLE IN EARLIER AGREEMENT. END  
COMMENT).

2. OTHER STORIES ATTRIBUTED TO UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES IN  
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ANKARA CLAIM ESENBEL WILL NOT MEET KISSINGER IN EUROPE

IF US MILITARY AID TO TURKEY IS CUT. MOST PAPERS ALSO CARRY STORIES REFERRING TO WEEKEND SHOOTING AND REPORTED DENTASK/CLERIDES TELEPHONE CALL IN WHICH TURK CYPRIOT LEADER THREATENED LAUNCH LARGE-SCALE ATTACK ON GREEK SECTOR OF NICOSIA IF FIRING CONTINUED.

3. SEVERAL PRO-MAKARIOS PAPERS REPORT THAT ARCHBISHOP WILL VISIT MOSCOW "VERY SHORTLY", PROBABLY IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH. PAPERS CLAIM THAT GOC HAS HAD PRELIMINARY CONTACTS WITH SOVIETS ON SUBJECT.

4. EDITORIALS IN MONDAY'S WEEKLIES MARKED BY ABSENCE OF ANTI-KISSINGER OR ANTI-US REMARKS. COMMUNIST DEMOCRATIA AND LEFTIST DEMOCRATIKI BOTH EDITORIALIZE IN FAVOR INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS FOR CYPRUS. DEMOCRATIKI ALSO CALLS FOR SHELVEING OF LOCAL TALKS SINCE THEY ARE BEING USED SIMPLY TO CREATE AN IMPRESSION OF PROGRESS. ALITHIA, WHICH FREQUENTLY REFLECTS CLERIDES' VIEWS, WARNS THAT CRITICISM OF TALKS IS UNJUSTIFIED AND IT IS TOO EARLY TO PREJUDGE THEIR FAILURE. NOTES THAT DISCONTINUING TALKS WOULD PLAY INTO TURKISH HANDS.

5. LYSSARIDES' WEEKLY ANEXARTITOS REPORTS IN SHORT NEWS ITEM THAT "GOC, IF NOT THE ARCHBISHOP PERSONALLY, WAS GOING TO HAVE TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SUCH AS EAGLETON, HUMPHREY, BRADEMANS, ROSENTHAL AND SARBANES" TO KEEP THEM INFORMED ON "DEAD-LOCK" IN NEGOTIATIONS. PAPER CONTINUES THAT "IT IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS BEAUTITUDE, IN HIS CONTACTS WITH LEADING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, DID AWAY WITH ANY ILLUSIONS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN CREATED BY THE TURKISH AND AMERICAN SIDES....." COMMENT: STORY AS CARRIED IN NEWSPAPER IS UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER THESE PURPORTED CONVERSATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE, HAVE TAKEN PLACE, OR AT WHOSE INITIATIVE THEY WERE SUPPOSEDLY MADE. END COMMENT.  
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